

REMARKS

Claim 40 has been amended. Claims 21-39 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering moot the rejections of these claims. New claims 41-42 have been added. Claims 40-42 are still pending in the present application. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Section 112

First, claim 40 has been amended to address the section 112 rejection. It is submitted that all the words used in claims 40-42 are sufficiently definite and supported by the disclosure.

Abel + Peska

Claim 40 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP 6,830,170 to Abel ("Abel") in view of USP 7,066,647 to Peska ("Peska"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 40 has been amended to recite a wall provided at the first end of a coiled structure, with a top opening provided in the wall, a helical track provided about the exterior of the covering, and a tube connecting the helical track with the top opening. See FIG. 5 and page 5 of the specification.

In contrast, neither Abel nor Peska teach or suggest a tube that connects an opening in the wall at one end of the structure with a helical track that extends about the exterior of the covering. Thus, even a combination of these two references will not yield the claimed invention.

Coddington

Claim 40 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Des. 379,209 to Coddington, Jr. ("Coddington"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As with Abel and Peska above, Coddington does not teach or suggest a tube that connects an opening in the wall at one end of the structure with a helical track that extends about the exterior of the covering. Thus, claim 40 is allowable over Coddington.

Claims 41-42 depend from claim 40, and are allowable for the same reasons.

In light of the above, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if there are any amendments that are needed to place this application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,


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